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BROAD AND PARK ST., BLOOMFIELD, N. J.

Minister:
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The pastor will preach at the morning service at 10.30 o'clock in the interests of the Freedmen's Aid Society. At the evening service, 7.45 o'clock, Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff will speak on the Work of the Home Missionary Society, under the auspices of the local Home Missionary Society. Mrs. George Heath, President, will preside. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The Epworth League will hold a Measuring Party in the Parish House, Monday, February 12, at 8.15 P. M. Music and song, recitations and pleasure are promised by the young people. Come.

The Official Board will have charge of a Problem Sociable in the Parish House next Thursday, February 15, from 8 to 10 P. M., to which all members and friends of the church and their families are cordially invited. Refreshments will be served by the Ladies' Aid. A prominent churchman will explain the Problem.—Charles Schueler, Jr., Secretary of the Official Board.

The Ladies' Aid Society will give a New England Supper in the Parish House, Thursday, February 22. A hot supper will be served. Price 35 cents.

A Theme for Discussion.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR—There are indications of a crisis in fire department affairs. The disposition manifested on the part of the members of the Town Council to equip every company in the department with horses does not appear to be a satisfactory panacea or the dissatisfaction manifested. There was a time when such a proposition would have been hailed with delight by the firemen and a good horse equipment would have put the department on an equal footing with the fire departments of surrounding towns.

In the course of fire department growth the horse drawn machine has usually supplanted the hand pulled jumper. That has been true in part here, but the horse equipment has been a hired one and an uncertain one. Magnificent and proud spirited animals, the property of each company, is a stage of civic pride and enterprise that has not yet been reached here, but the department was just on the verge of entering that stage of development. The application of auto power in general to all classes of vehicles and to fire department equipment in particular has wrought a change in conditions and ideals.

The fire departments that are equipped with the best and finest horses are now only second rate departments in point of equipment. To be in the first rank a department must be equipped with auto apparatus. The firemen who compose the local volunteer fire department evidently want to step right into the first and highest grade in the matter of equipment and are asking for auto power apparatus. The ambition is laudable and the enterprise commendable.

Any discussion of the subject will naturally revolve around the question of cost. The subject is one that is worthy of consideration and discussion on the part of taxpayers. The members of Phoenix Hose Company, the first company to make a demand for an auto power machine, have submitted some figures to prove a claim that in the end auto power is more economical than horse power. The question is debatable and should be debated.

Fire department horses, it is well known, are high priced animals and in order to keep them up in a manner befitting the dignity of the town they must receive careful attention. No ordinary livery stable roustabout is qualified to care for fire horses. The driver of a fire team must have an affection for his horses and a pride in them, and his aim should be to excite public admiration of his horses and equipment. Other towns have found by experience that fire horses are a costly asset, but a majority of the citizens have always approved of the policy of giving the animals the very best of care and keeping them up in style.

East Orange is a municipality that has been noted for its fire horses and the policy of the administration has been "nothing too good for the fire

horses." That is the policy that should prevail here if horses are to be purchased. The question of cost does not hinge on the cost of a stable boy, the price of oats and hay and the occasional services of a blacksmith and veterinary. There is a sentimental side to the question. Good horses, excellent care and humane drivers are three essentials in equipping the fire department with horses. There are some people with old-fashioned ideas who will claim that a fire department thus equipped is better than any auto apparatus ever invented.

There is always a high degree of excitement attendant on a fire and spirited horses enter into it in a manner that excites the admiration and enthusiasm of all beholders, and that is one reason why many people deplore the passing of the horse as a part of fire department equipment.

But the question before the members of the Town Council is not one of sentiment, but a matter of economy. The claim is made that the auto power machine is a more economical equipment. The claim will, of course, be questioned and the first protest will be based on the first cost of the machine and followed by details of cost of maintenance, cost of tires, oil, gasoline and other necessities of the motor car will be cited in comparison with the cost of oats, hay, etc. The destruction of the machine by collision with a pole or tree will be played against death and disease among horses. The cost of careful and experienced chauffeurs will be balanced against careful and experienced drivers. There is a wide open field for discussion and veteran firemen will regret that a former active spirit in fire department affairs and known to the old-timers as "Badge No. 1," is not here to take a directing hand in shaping the eventual result of the discussion.

A CITIZEN.

From Maine to Florida.

A river and harbor bill carrying in the neighborhood of \$20,000,000 will probably be reported to the Congress about February 15. The rivers and harbors committee, upon their return from Florida, where they went to participate in the opening of the "over-the-sea" railroad to Key West, have settled down to the serious consideration of the measure to be reported. Hearings were held the past week on the Intercoastal project, which contemplates, with the use of rivers, bays and canals, an inside waterway from Maine to Florida Keys. The favorable consideration given to the Atlantic deep-sea waterways project by the Board of Army Engineers, with estimated cost of connecting up the bays and rivers with canals, either to be completely built or where now existence enlarged gives the project a standing that if it did not have until the chief engineer had spoken. It now becomes a recommended project and therefore entitled to the consideration shown it in the hearings. The subject was divided into two parts, the New England and New Jersey end and the Beaufort, N. C., end, connecting Albemarle and Pamlico sounds through the enlargement of existing canals now almost abandoned.

Third Warders Aroused.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR—The division of a municipality into wards naturally creates a sentiment that manifests itself first in politics, then in matters of physical improvements and eventually in matters that are termed moral issues. It is no secret that many residents of the Third ward have long felt that their ward suffered under a reproach due to the unequal distribution of the licensed liquor-selling places in the town, and there is no question at all but that the residents of the Second ward have prided themselves upon being the better ward of the town in freedom from saloons.

The motives that prompted the council to refuse the application for transfer of a license of Sebastian Rose, as requested, were not made known. The members of the council reached their decision in conference and there was no public expression of sentiment or opinion in the matter. But the proposed transfer if granted would have added another liquor-selling place to the Third ward, and it is well known that residents of that ward made vigorous opposition to the transfer, and exerted their influence to prevent a further addition to the saloons in that ward. There are evidences extant that tend to show that the residents, while they are pleased with the success of their efforts in stopping the imposing of another saloon upon them, are yet far from satisfied with existing conditions and are going to make still further efforts to reduce what they term the reproach on their ward. Heretofore political representation of the Third ward has been strongly pro-saloon. An effort will be made to effect a change of sentiment in that respect, but the issue will not be one of politics but based on an appeal to ward pride.

INTERESTED.

Morris Canal Parkway.

Mayor Hauser submitted to the Town Council Monday night a letter from President Julian R. Tinkham of the Morris Canal Parkway Association and in which Mr. Tinkham appealed for the co-operation of the town in furthering the association's project. His letter was in part as follows:

"The present bill for the abandonment of the Morris canal, as you probably know, provides for the reversion to the State of all that part of the canal lying west of the city of Paterson and for the sale of the rest of it east of Paterson. The section east of Paterson as far as and through Bloomfield is one of the most attractive parts of the canal and has parkway possibilities for the towns adjacent to it, which it is inconceivable that they should not see. Once the State allows this section to get beyond its control it would be impossible to recover it, and the possibility of using it for park purposes will be forever lost. At the hearing before the Senate committee on the bill we advocated an amendment for all of the canal going to the State as far as Second river in Bloomfield. The committee was much interested in this proposition and requested us to draft an amendment to this effect, which we have done. We shall appear before the committee to further advocate this movement and we should like the support of the town of Bloomfield, which should be vitally interested in our project. If she does not seize this unique opportunity of getting within her borders a most attractive water parkway supported by the State, we feel sure she will some day rue her shortsightedness."

Glen Ridge Woman's Club.

The February meeting of the Woman's Club was held under the auspices of the Civic Department of the club, February 6, in the parlors of the Glen Ridge Congregational Church.

Before the speaker of the meeting was introduced the club had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Van Dyne, Mrs. Manning and Mrs. Peck render most charmingly two trios of Sir Edward Elgar's, "The Snow" and "Fly, Singing Bird, Fly." Mrs. Peck then introduced Dr. Stanton Coit of London, who spoke on "Environment as a Factor in Race Development."

He said the term environment has been in common usage since the days of Darwin, and has been the source of much discussion. Some think environment the decisive force in character building while others lay all the stress upon heredity.

However, deciding which is more important heredity or environment is like deciding which is more important, the stomach or food. Nature and nurture interact and produce human beings.

Every child is born into two environments, the physical and the mental or psychological. A mental atmosphere of envy, jealousy, love, tenderness, fickleness, arbitrariness surrounds a child as surely as pure or impure air, good or bad food.

There has been much talk about adaptation to environment leading to a survival of the fittest. This is to be questioned. The value of adaptation to environment, depends upon the character of that environment. A blind adaptation to environment may not mean progress. Wingless insects and blind fish may be able to survive better in a certain environment, but they are not of the highest types of either insects or fish, and the attempt

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should be made to change the environment so that they shall need to develop wings and eyes, and so reach their greatest perfection.

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Third. That every human being should have an opportunity for increased efficiency.

Fourth. That woman shall have leisure for motherhood.

Fifth. That there shall be opportunity for all and not for a favored few alone.

Sixth. That there shall be such high ideals of marriage that men and women will stop to consider whether they will produce offspring physically and mentally equipped to help in the advance of the race.

In conclusion Dr. Coit was most inspiring and optimistic in his outlook, pointing to the many efforts that are already being made to produce such an environment and showing us that we may all be willing instruments in furthering this onward movement.

Montclair Academy Notes.

The mid-year examinations held last week engaged the full time and attention of the students.

The editorial staff of the Year Book is busy at work accumulating material for the academy annual. The editor-in-chief is Harold J. Seymour, '12, of Lima, Ohio. The book this year will be up to the usual standard, same size, more cuts and published by the Consolidated Engraving Company of New York.

The two debating clubs, the Rosstrum and the Forum, meet regularly bi-monthly. They are now considering a subject for the society debate.

Monday, February 12, will be a holiday for the academy boys.

The second dance of the season was held in the academy gymnasium last Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. MacVicar received the guests as usual.

On February 16 a basket-ball game is scheduled to be played with the Wilson Memorial School at 8 o'clock in the evening on the academy court. Donald G. MacVicar, '11, Cornell, '15, is at home for a mid-year recess.

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